

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2022 through 12/2022					
	Members	Appt by	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-
2	Douglas Meade, Vice Chair	I	A	0	1
3	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
4	Kelly Charles	IV	P	1	0
5	David Blattner (via Zoom)	I	P	1	0
6	Vacant Position	-	-	-	-
7	Whitney Dutton	IV	A	0	1
8	Carolann Mazza	III	P	1	0
9	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
10	Carol Tamburly	III	P	1	0
11	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Jason Bocchinfuso, Sustainability Administrator, Staff Liaison (via Zoom)

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Melissa Doyle, Solid Waste Program Manager (via Zoom)

Nancy Gassman, Public Works (via Zoom)

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

Guests Present

Beth Brownstein, Federal Association for Insurance Reform

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Carol Tamburly at 6:11 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was not present. Mr. Hadwen explained the Board rules regarding participation online, noting Mr. Blattner could participate in discussion but not vote or count toward quorum.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Item deferred to February 2022 meeting due to lack of quorum.

Staff Liaison Report

Tree Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Hadwen stated the Tree Preservation Ordinance was going to Commission on February 15. He noted the previously sent communication from the Board would be a part of the discussion.

Parks Bond Phase 2

Mr. Hadwen provided a brief update on the Parks Bond. He explained a link had been sent to the Board members of concept drawings and discussed feedback staff had provided regarding vulnerability to sea level rise, and encouraged utilizing post-consumer, long-lasting materials and solar where feasible. He noted Mr. Bocchinfuso had put together a list of materials.

Presentations

Planning for Joint Workshop: Climate Change Impacts on Real Estate & Insurance

Mr. Hadwen explained the joint workshop with the City Commission regarding climate change impacts on real estate and insurance was scheduled for March 15, 2022. He stated staff had reached out to Jay Neal from the Federal Association for Insurance Reform (FAIR) regarding presenting on that date and he was unable to present at the SAB meeting, but had sent a representative to discuss the organization, Mr. Neil, and the workshop.

Beth Brownstein, Director of Communications for the FAIR Foundation, standing in for CEO Jay Neal, stated she was present to give a preview of the presentation and answer questions about what Mr. Neal planned to discuss with the Commission, as well as provide a brief background on FAIR. She discussed rising costs and unpredictability in the Florida and national insurance markets, as well as changes to the real estate market and mortgage availability following the Surfside tragedy and other climate change factors. Ms. Brownstein reviewed actions which could be taken by governments at the local, state and national levels.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

Presentation is attached.

Mr. Hadwen stated he would invite the Flood Plain Manager to the joint workshop to answer additional questions as they come up. He summarized the plan for Mr. Neal's presentation, to include information on how to educate residents on tools available to them.

New Business

2022 SAB Planning

Mr. Hadwen reviewed the schedule of topics created in January 2021 and noted some of the topics had been addressed, but there were items on the list remaining to cover. He stated he had invited a professor from the University of Florida to discuss termites and their impact on the urban forest at the February meeting, and the joint workshop could be a topic of further discussion at that meeting. Mr. Hadwen shared a list of potential SAB topics for 2022 he had created, as follows:

Net Zero

- GHG Inventory
- Roadmap to Zero
- EVs
- Renewables
- Energy efficiency
- Transportation
- Keep Safe Fort Lauderdale

Resiliency

- Joint Workshop Follow up
- Vulnerability assessment

Urban Forestry

- Master Plan

Mr. Hadwen noted the City Commission would be setting their annual priorities for the year at their January 27 meeting, and in the past year topics had included resiliency, infrastructure, and sustainability.

Discussion ensued regarding a matrix to measure and track success on the roadmap to Net Zero, as well as action steps, messaging to the community, and legislative impacts on the effort.

Mr. Bocchinfuso stated he would update the priority list for discussion at the next meeting and provide a recap of energy impacts related to COVID-19.

Old Business

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Item deferred to February 2022 meeting due to lack of quorum.

Docked Watercraft and Pollution

Mr. Hadwen stated he had shared the Ordinance via email. He explained most of the City's 165 miles of waterways are public waterways, and Code Enforcement enforces the regulations if vessels are a hazard or polluter. He noted in the case of illegal discharge the Police Department may get involved. He stated the matter was under the purview of the Marine Advisory Board and in speaking with Environmental and Regulatory Affairs, their largest concerns are discharges of sewer, oil, and water.

Ms. Charles asked why Code Enforcement doesn't go around once a month and look at the marinas. Discussion ensued regarding environmental impacts of boats and how they are addressed.

Proposed Communication

None.

Comments

None.

Items for Next Meeting

Presentations

- Local expert on termites

Old Business

- Elections for Chair and Vice Chair
- Discuss joint workshop
- Discussion on planning for 2022

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.